

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bischoff opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**“Sunshine Law” Announcement:** Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice; mailed electronically to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL** Present: Mr. Mazza, Ms. McBride, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Bischoff

Absent: Mr. Severino

Others Present: J. Peter Jost, Esq., Mr. Bob Clerico, Engineer; and Ella M. Ruta, Clerk

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

a. Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2011

Mrs. Dziubek had a correction to the minutes on bottom of page 10, correct omission and formatting error. Add “Website previously discussed. Discussed the need for Animal Control to coordinate a policy for disposing of dead animals.”

Ms. McBride, page 7 corrected typo; page 10, bullet 2, remove sentence “Freeholder Walton led the meeting”

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried with amendment and corrections.

**VISITORS**

Trooper Flynn

- There are no incidents to report.
- The Mayor asked the status of the Finn Road Park investigation still ongoing.
- The Clerk will give a copy of correspondence on Charlestown Rd truck traffic and Exit 12 traffic light to Trooper Flynn.
- A letter from the Station Commander has information for the Municipalities for charging a fee for routine calls. The Station Commander asks Municipalities to give the letter their consideration.

Tom Obiedzinski, Franklin Township, owns a shaved ice business in Hunterdon County. Has business permits in Clinton, Clinton Twp and Alexandria Township. He applied for a mobile food license from Union Township. Following Committee discussion, Mr. Mazza will arrange a meeting between Mr.Obiedzinski and the Recreation Committee to discuss.

Pete Ficano, 327 Strotz Road. There are no speed limit signs on Strotz Road in Union Township however on the Bethlehem Township side of the road the posted speed limit signs are 35 mph. Attorney will make an inquiry of

Bethlehem Township about the speed limit sign procedure and then will report to Mr. Ficano. Trooper Flynn will memo police cars in the area in the early morning to patrol the road.

### REPORTS RECEIVED

- Road Dept - Weeks Ending 4/29/11; 5/06/11.
- Tax Assessor – Committee requested that the Tax Assessor attend the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Engineer's Report
  - Receipt of bids yesterday for the Perryville Road, Section 2B. There were two bidders on the project. The low bid was from Mannon Excavating at \$130,414.25 The second bid was Top Line Construction at \$159,000. Our estimate was \$157,404.45 Next is to introduce an ordinance. The \$110,000 grant is in the budget and need to appropriate the balance.

### ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA ORDER

#### ORDINANCE #2011-9

#### UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

#### AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$35,939.00 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE GENERAL TRUST FUND, OFF TRACT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS PERRYVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, there is currently within the General Trust Fund of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as items entitled off tract improvements; and

WHEREAS, there is in this fund \$17,500.00 in The Hamlet at Hidden Meadow in Lieu of Off Tract Improvement Account and \$11,875.00 in the Lakeside Estates Off Tract Improvement Account, and \$6,564.00 in the Lakeview Estates Off Tract Improvement Account, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union has deemed there is a need to improve Perryville Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Trust Fund, Off Site Improvement Account for the purpose of improving Perryville Road, the sum of \$35,939.00;

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of the Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency;

SECTION 3. There is no debt incurred by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after proper passage and publication in accordance with law.

**Motion to introduce on first reading**

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried.

### **RETURN TO THE AGENDA ORDER**

#### Engineer's Report

- Municipal Building parking lot. Gave the Committee a review of the condition of the parking lot pavement and offered several options for solutions. Committee discussed at length and decided to meet onsite with the Engineer to continue discussion.

7:58 pm the Engineer left the meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

#### Ms. McBride mentioned the following correspondence:

- NJ DOT letter re: Traffic Signal Investigation Request, Rt. 78 and CR 625. DOT wishes for Union township to pay for a traffic signal project necessitated by interstate truck traffic. DOT wants the township to sign off on 25% of the cost, but there was no estimate of the cost of the project. The Mayor to write a letter to Governor Christie expressing the Committee's dismay at the response to our request and copying appropriate officials.

#### Mrs. Dziubek mentioned the following correspondence:

- Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc., re: Public Notification NJDOT Access Permits, Bonnell Properties, LLC. This is already a congested traffic area and to have major access to an establishment right in the center of that is going to be an issue. Give comments to the Mayor and Mayor will discuss at the upcoming meeting of the Planning Board, review access permits and provide comment within the 30 day period.

**Motion: Refer above correspondence to Planning Board for their comments and recommendations.**

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Correspondence Report continued by Mrs. Dziubek:

- Mayors Advisory, re: League Municipal Fiscal Conditions Survey. Participation is encouraged and may impact the 2012 budget. Committee agreed to have CFO complete survey.
- Mayor's Advisory, re: S-2006/A-3125 Regulating Solar Panels. Committee discussed how this legislation could affect the Township. Objections formulated can also be presented to League legislative Committee during their upcoming meeting. The Attorney will prepare a resolution in opposition of this legislation.
- Mayor's Advisory, re: Master Plan Change Approved by Governor. Law passed to allow municipalities to undertake a master plan reexamination every tens years instead of every six years.

Mr. Bischoff mentioned the following correspondence:

- Mayor's Advisory, re: Pew Report on State and Local Pensions Raises New Jersey Concerns. The CFO will review.
- Mayor's Advisory, re: Correcting the Census Count for Your Municipality. Committee discussed the content of the census information.
- HC Utilities Authority, re: Amend Solid Waste Management Plan. Adjourned to August.
- HC Board of Chosen Freeholders, re: Resolution Supporting the Repeal of the Global Warming Response Act (2007) and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Implementing Law (2007). These relate to cap and trade. The Mayor will provide Ms. McBride with a contact for the liaison for the resolution. Tabled until next meeting.
- HC Board of Chosen Freeholders, resolution recognizing the third week of May as "Early Intervention Week" in Hunterdon County. Too late to do.

Mr. Mazza mentioned the following correspondence: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #2011-** ; Approving payments for Taxes by Credit Cards. Tabled

**Discussion** - The Proposed Renewable Energy Ordinance. Tabled

**NEW ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Please Take Notice that the following Ordinance was adopted on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the 18 day of May, 2011. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law. Notice is hereby given that the said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held on the 15 day of June, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

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Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**ORDINANCE #2011-8**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,**  
**HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**I. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**

The following regulations for the prevention of disorderly conduct are hereby enacted:

**1. Riots or disorderly assemblages.**

No person shall engage in any riot, public disturbance or disorderly assemblage.

**2. Loitering; indecent language.**

No person shall loiter, lounge or sleep in any street, highway or other public or quasi-public place, or utter loud and offensive or indecent language, or make offensive remarks to or about any person passing along, through or over any street, highway or other public or quasi-public place or obstruct or interfere with any person lawfully being in or upon any street, highway or other public or quasi-public place.

**3. False fire alarms.**

No person shall give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire.

**4. Unnecessary Use of Horns.**

No person shall sound his automobile horn other than as a warning signal necessary and essential in driving said vehicle, nor sound his horn repeatedly or for long periods of time, except at weddings or other public celebrations.

**5. Interfere with Religious Worship or Assembly.**

No person shall disquiet or interrupt any congregation or assembly meet for religious worship or disquiet or interrupt any other meeting within the Township, by making a noise or by rude or indecent behavior, or profane discourse within the place of worship or other meeting place.

**6. Noise.**

No person shall permit, make or continue or cause to be permitted, made or continued any unnecessary noise at any unreasonable hour which shall disturb the comfort, rest and repose of any person or persons being in his place of abode.

**7. Profanity; Interference with Person.**

No person shall:

- a. Address or make audible any offensive remarks to or concerning any person in any place, public or private.
- b. Obstruct, molest or interfere with any person lawfully in or upon any place, public or private.
- c. Repeatedly telephone another for the purpose of annoying or molesting such person, or telephone another and address any lewd, lascivious, indecent or disgusting remarks to such person.

Any offense committed under paragraph c. may be deemed to have taken place at either the place at which the telephone call was made or at the place at which the telephone call was received.

**8. Throwing Objects.**

No person shall throw, discard, deposit or sweep any paper or posters, stones, sticks, glass, metal or any hard, dangerous or offensive substance upon any sidewalk, street, highway or public place or at any car, vehicles, house, building, fence or person; or dump any trash or garbage upon private property not his own.

**9. Malicious Destruction of Property.**

No person shall maliciously destroy, damage or injure any property, public or private.

**10. Annoying Persons in Public Places.**

No person shall participate in any practice, sport or exercise having a tendency to annoy, disturb or frighten any person or persons or animal on the sidewalk, street, road, park or other public place.

**11. Obstructions on Streets or Sidewalks.**

No person shall unnecessarily obstruct any sidewalk, street or public place with any kind of vehicle or vehicles or with any kind of box or boxes, lumber, wood or other thing; but the provisions of this section shall not prevent persons who are building from occupying such portion of the sidewalk, street or public place designated in a permit therefore.

**12. Trespassing.**

No person shall enter upon or remain upon the lands or premises of another person, or upon the lands and premises of the Township of Union or of any public or quasi-public body, knowing that he is not licensed or privileged to do so. No person shall enter or remain in any place as to which notice against trespass is given by actual communication to the actor, posting in a conspicuous manner, or by fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to exclude intruders.

**II. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**III. Repealer.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**IV. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Motion: Introduce on first reading

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION No. 2011 – 76**  
**RESOLUTION TO END STATE DIVERSION OF MUNICIPAL REVENUES AND DEMAND**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS**

**WHEREAS**, there are two main formula-driven general municipal property tax relief programs currently on the books in our Garden State; and

**WHEREAS**, though often referred to as “State Aid” programs, these are actually revenue replacement programs, intended to replace property tax relief funding that was, formerly, generated through taxes assessed and collected locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the first is the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief program - the direct descendant of the Public Utility Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax, which was a tax on regulated public utilities originally assessed and collected at the municipal level; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1980s, at the request and for the convenience of the tax paying utilities, the State became the collection agent for this assessment, and the law that effected this change promised that the proceeds would be distributed back to the municipalities, which provide services to utility facilities and from whence come utility profits; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey never honored that commitment, immediately and annually diverting large and growing portions of the proceeds to its own general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, modernization and deregulation led to a major reform of utility taxes in the mid-nineties, which validated and, supposedly, capped the State’s annual portion of the tax proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, that law also included a ‘poison pill,’ which required the State to annually increase the municipal distribution of Energy Tax proceeds and to cap its skim; and it, further, provided that failure to honor that pledge would result in the forfeiture of the State’s authority to collect the tax; and

**WHEREAS**, around the same time, for its own convenience, the State decided to ‘consolidate’ a number of previously discrete municipal property tax relief programs; and

**WHEREAS**, while some may see ‘no rhyme or reason’ to the distribution of Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Receipts Aid (CMPTRA), each of its component parts was distributed according to state established formulas, and many of those parts were, like Energy Taxes, the lineal descendants of taxes that had once been assessed and collected at the municipal level; and

**WHEREAS**, among its many components, CMPTRA includes the Financial Business Tax, the Business Personal Property Tax Replacement, the Railroad Class II Property Tax, the Insurance Franchise Tax, the Corporation Business Tax on Banking Corporations and State PILOT payments, that had been under-funded for many years, prior to being folded into CMPTRA; and

**WHEREAS**, these are, or were, all *municipal revenue* replacement programs - not, properly speaking, *State* aid, in that they were not meant to make things better for municipal property taxpayers; they were only intended to keep things from getting worse; and

**WHEREAS**, in the late-nineties, a law was passed that required both the Energy Tax and CMPTRA distributions to be annually increased by the rate of inflation; and

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**WHEREAS**, that law posed a special problem for future State budget makers, but, as those budget makers viewed the matter, the problem was not how to comply with the requirement; the problem was how to avoid compliance without invoking the Energy Tax ‘poison pill,’ and

**WHEREAS**, State policy makers found a way to increase Energy Tax distributions by the rate of inflation for five straight years without providing municipalities with one new dollar in property tax relief, which was done by annually reducing the CPMTRA distribution by the same amount that it increased the Energy Tax distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, the State strayed even farther from original legislative intent, when, in 2008 (SFY 2009), CMPTRA was reduced by about \$62 million more than the Energy Tax was increased, and in 2009 (SFY 2010), the net loss equaled about \$32 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the State’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget, in which the total distribution of CMPTRA and ETR was reduced by approximately 17 percent, or \$272 million from \$1.565 billion to \$1.293 billion, honoring neither the letter nor the spirit of applicable State laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, in conference assembled, that we demand an immediate end to the State’s reliance on the municipal property tax relief revenues to balance its budget and address other priorities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call on the Governor to introduce and the Legislature to adopt an FY 2012 State Budget that provides for the full statutory distribution of Energy Tax and CMPTRA revenue replacement funding, and to continue to honor the letter and spirit of the applicable State statutes, in all years, thereafter; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State Senate, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of State of New Jersey.

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek		X	X			
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-77**

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
2011-2012 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE – RENEWAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License be issued in the Township of Union to be effective on July 1, 2011; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk or his/her duly authorized agent is hereby authorized to execute, issue and delivery such license to the following licensee:

Name & Trade Name: Myriel Restaurant LLC  
t/a Clinton Station Diner

Location & Mailing Address: 8 Route 173 West, Clinton, NJ 08809  
301 County Route 639, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

License #: 1025-33-007-009

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, certified to be a true copy by the Municipal Clerk, be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza	X		X			
Mrs. Dziubek		X	X			
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried.

c. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-78**

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
2011-2012 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE – RENEWAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License be issued in the Township of Union to be effective on July 1, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk or his/her duly authorized agent is hereby authorized to execute, issue and delivery such license to the following licensee:

Name & Trade Name: Dawnglow Inc.  
t/a Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Location & Mailing Address: 88 Rte. 173 West  
Hampton, New Jersey 08827

License #: 1025-33-003-003

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, certified to be a true copy by the Municipal Clerk, be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek		X	X			
Ms. McBride	X		X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

d. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-79**  
**TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION TO REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF 2011 TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector received payment of \$871.17 for 1st quarter taxes on the following Block and Lot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector received another payment \$871.17 for the 2011 1<sup>st</sup> quarter taxes on the same Block and Lot; and

**WHEREAS**, a refund of \$736.82 was authorized on May 4, 2011, leaving a balance overpaid of \$134.35; and

**WHEREAS**, a request for a refund of the balance has been made.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 18th day of May, 2011, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector shall reverse the duplicate payment of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2011 taxes.
2. The CFO shall refund \$134.35 to BAC Tax Services, PO Box 10211, Van Nuys, CA 91410, on Block 24, Lot 2, QC3106, for 28 The Crescent for re-imbursement to the account of Lynn E. Beyer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried.

**Motion to Approve:** Authorizing the Mayor to Sign 2011 Fire Service Contract with Franklin Fire District #1.

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Attorney's Report** – Mr. Jost reported the following:

- Background criminal checks for recreation volunteers. Before we move forward, contact Mr. Severino for update on his inquiry of the background information.
- Attorney drafted a letter to DOT concerning contracting with the Township for landscaping services along the highway. After discussing, the Committee directed the Attorney to send the letter.
- Discussion of whether the sign ordinance fee should be included in the Ordinance instead of by resolution.

**Mayor's Report**

- Quote “Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” Thos. Paine, Sept. 12, 1777.
- The Attorney brought up the issue of political signs on Township property. The ordinance we have prohibits putting signs on peoples' property without their permission. That applies to the Township also. We should go on record that the Township declines to allow political signs on Township property.

**RESOLUTION #2011-80  
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
POLITICAL/ELECTIONEERING SIGNS ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Union Township property shall not be used for the posting of political partisan or electioneering signs.

**Motion**

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza	X		X			
Mrs. Dziubek			X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

**Motion carried**

- Mr. Rex Leka contacted the township to ask if he could purchase barns adjacent to his property. Suggested that he could potentially lease the barns when renewal of the adjacent farmland lease comes up for bid. The Attorney will write a letter about leasing and thanking him for his work on the property.
- The CFO has informed that the Federal mileage reimbursement is 51 cents per mile, the Township's reimbursement is 42 cents. Committee will look into what the State reimbursement is.
- The State has notified that Union Township does not have any ANRs (brownfield sites).

- Attended meeting of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce held at the Red Mill Museum. They have launched a major initiative to boost tourism and jobs in Hunterdon County. Gave the Clerk a packet of information to circulate to the Committee.
- Court Report is in and we continue to be a little better than on track.
- Cub Scouts have inquired if we have storage space for their equipment. Ms. McBride will write letter to Boy Scouts stating that the Historical Building may be available for a short term.
- Changing the name of the Road Dept. into something more descriptive of what their doing and putting a list together what those functions would be. The Mayor suggested Department of Facilities Maintenance. Ms. McBride suggested Department of Roads and Facilities. Mrs. Dziubek will continue working on the list of functions.

### Committee Report

#### Mr. Mazza reported the following:

- Township email account restored.
- Modifying mulch mower too costly. The committee discussed alternatives for replacing the mower. Ask for a recommendation from Road Foreman.

#### Mrs. Dziubek reported the following:

- Met with Paul Fitting concerning website re-design. Software is old and limited. Any changes would have to include the current templates. My recommendation is to reorganize our current website so that it would be more functional for the remainder of this year and develop a subcommittee to explore additional requirements for redesign. The Mayor appointed Mrs. Dziubek, Ms. McBride and Chuck LaTournous as the subcommittee to come up with a conceptual plan and draft.
- Farmland Preservation. Dr. Furlong requested from the State a farmland preservation sign on his property. The State replied that the property did not qualify for the sign because the State was not involved in the preservation. The Township will provide a sign. Ms. McBride showed the Committee several examples of sign designs. After discussion, Ms. McBride will bring a sketch of a sign to the next meeting.
- Building and Grounds.  
Ms. McBride asked for Committee's approval to use the Road Dept. to plant several shrubs under the Municipal Building sign in front. Consider repairing lighting at sign, request Road Foreman to investigate. The next suggestion was to replace the neo colonial trim on the sign. Committee discussed.

The Historical Society has agreed to move their museum into the downstairs courtroom area in the Municipal Building. The Committee discussed additional security on the interior doors of the Historical Society room.

**At 9:22 pm a motion was made to temporarily adjourn the Regular Meeting to conduct the Board of Health Meeting.**

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			

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Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried by unanimous favorable vote.

**At 9:32 pm a motion was made to go back into Regular Session of the Township Committee Meeting.**

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Ms. McBride reported the following:

- Energy Audit Report. Received draft reports on Municipal Building and Road and Facilities Building from Steven Winters Associates. Does the Committee have any comments to forward to Steven Winter Associates for the conference call tomorrow where draft reports will be reviewed.
- Talked to Dr. Furlong and he will be at the next meeting to receive ceremonial resolution thanking him for restoration work at the Douglass Farm.
- In an editorial last week in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* a resident of Delaware Township talked about their many street lights and that some might be eliminated to save electricity cost. The Committee discussed the idea. Ms. McBride will look into this further.
- There is a “Welcome to Union Township” sign on I-78 that looks as if it has been spray-painted. Clean Communities monies will pay for any vandalism to signs. Can the Road Foreman take it down and refurbish it.
- Items for Executive Session, personnel and negotiations
- Portraits of Mayors. Ms. McBride suggested that we request from the public via the *Hunterdon County Democrat* donations of portrait size pictures of former Mayors of Union Township. Ms. McBride and Mrs. Dziubek will handle press release.
- The Mayor commented on the inconsistency of the window dressings. Also discussed was why the flag in the old courtroom is not displayed. It was noted that the flagpole is too large and the flag can and will be displayed by alternate means. Window dressings were removed for cleaning and may require replacement.

### Clerk’s Report

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

### PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

The approved list of bills and all claims against the Township of Union as appearing in the Claims Register of this date be paid and that all checks listed hereinafter be issued in payment thereof.

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reason: Personnel, contract negotiations

The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2011-81**  
**Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the**  
**Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege*: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in Executive session on May 18, 2011, at 9:54 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza			X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride		X	X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

10:09 p.m. Motion for the Committee to come out of Executive Session

Voice Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Mazza		X	X			
Mrs. Dziubek	X		X			
Ms. McBride			X			
Mr. Bischoff			X			

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mazza seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Prepared by:  
Pat Essig, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

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Ella M. Ruta, RMC  
Township Clerk

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William F. Bischoff, Mayor